Research is also being continuosly undertaken to develop improved technologies so as to enhance the productivity and production of foodgrains in India. Field demonstrations on farmers' holdings including training of farmers and farm labourers is being organised for effective transfer of technology.

Scheme for Livestock

3544. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sponsored some schemes for the promotion of livestocks in the country;

(b) if so, the States where these schemes are being sponsored;

(c) whether any such Central schemes has been sponsored for Orissa to promote live-stock in that State; and

(d) if so, the achievements made under that scheme in that State during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying have sponsored several schemes to supplement the efforts of all the State Governments including Orissa for promotion of livestock. A list of these schemes is enclosed. *{See* below) Under these schemes, a sum of Rs. 10.15 crores has been released to the State Government of Orissa during last 3 years viz. 1997-98 to 1999-2000, for development of breeding inputs, and strengthening the requisite infrastructure in the State Livestock Farms. The year-wise details of funds released is as below:

	Releases (Rs. in crores)
1997-98	2.06
1998-99	2.31
1999-2000	5.78

List of Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Animal Husbandry Sector

1. Extension of Frozen Semen Technology and Progeny Testing Programme.
2. National Bull Production Programme.
3. National Ram/Buck Production Programme and Programme for Rabbit Development Programme.
4. Assistance to States for Integrated Piggery Development.
5. Preservation and Development of Pack Animals.
6. Assistance to States for Fodder Development.
7. Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases.
8. Professional Efficiency Development.
9. National Project on Rinderpest Eradication.
10. Establishment/Improvement of Slaughter Houses and Carcass Utilization Centre.
11. Integrated Sample Survey for estimation of production of major livestock products.
12. Animal Husbandry Extension Programme.
13. Integrated Dairy Development Project in Non-Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas.

Investment in Agricultural Sector in Maharashtra

3545. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's investment in the agriculture sector in Maharashtra State;

(b) whether it has shown any decline in the State whereas there are indications of increase of the same in the private sector; and